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House of Representatives

The House met at 4 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WELCH).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

September 21, 2009.
I hereby appoint the Honorable Peter Welch to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

> NANCY PELOSI. Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

O Lord, You are faithful to those who are faithful to You. You are even faithful to those who choose to follow their own ways rather than turn to You in prayer. You let them wander in their indecision or confusion until they seek deeper wisdom.

Keep Your people from simple reaction. Afford them time to reflect on their deepest needs and then turn to You in their darkest hour. At that moment give them the strength to fight the battle of justice with truth and overcome all obstacles.

O Lord, give us light and dispel the darkness now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God. indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

> House of Representatives, Washington, DC, September 21, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI, Speaker, House of Representatives,

 $Washington,\,DC.$

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 21, 2009, at 10:05 a.m.:

That the Senate passed with an amendment, requested a conference with the House, and appointed conferees, H.R. 3288.

Appointments:

Senate National Security Working Group Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely.

LORRAINE C. MILLER. Clerk of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

> House of Representatives, Washington, DC, September 11, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI, Speaker, House of Representatives,

 $Washington,\,DC.$

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 11, 2009, at 1:13 p.m.:

Appointments:

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control.

With best wishes, I am.

Sincerely.

LORRAINE C. MILLER, Clerk of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM RANKING MEMBER, COMMITTEE ON EN-ERGY AND COMMERCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable Joe Bar-TON, Ranking Member, Committee on Energy and Commerce:

House of Representatives,

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE,

Washington, DC, September 18, 2009. Hon, NANCY PELOSI.

Speaker, House of Representatives,

Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that my office has been served with a subpoena, issued by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, for documents in a civil case.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is inconsistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely.

JOE BARTON, Ranking Member.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives,

Washington, DC, September 21, 2009. Hon. NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: This letter is to inform you that I have sent a letter to New

☐ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., ☐ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

